

Abstract

To further reduce the manufacturing cost of a shell type needle roller bearing, and to ensure high quality of the shell type outer ring by subjecting the outer ring to a heat treatment that needs no adjustment of the atmosphere.

The steel sheet to be formed into the shell type outer ring 1 by pressing is made of a medium to high carbon steel containing carbon by not less than 0.3 mass percent. With this arrangement, the material cost and thus the manufacturing cost are lower than when using a conventional low-carbon structural alloy steel sheet or a steel sheet for cold rolling and pressing. Also, it is possible to ensure high quality of the outer ring by subjecting the outer ring to simple heat treatment without the need for carburizing or carbonitriding, which needs adjustment of the atmosphere.